

MEMORANDUM REPORT

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

DISTRICT NO. 16

CASE FILE NO.

GEN. FILE TITLE:

Sompongs SUPARPVANICH et al

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AT: Bangkok, Thailand
DATE: September 26, 1966

BY: Albert Habib
Narcotic Agent

SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Negotiations for delivery of 300 kilograms of raw opium, from suspect Sompongs SUPARPVANICH, at Hat-Yai, Thailand.

RECOMMENDATION

PENDING:

CLOSE:

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: XXX

DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. During the month of September an informant was developed by Police Major Vichien Central Bureau Of Narcotics and myself. This informant stated that he resides at Satum, Thailand on the Malaysian border, and his acquainted with an opium trafficker by the name of Sompongs SUPARPVANICH who resides at Hat-Yai, Southern Thailand. The informant further stated that he had knowledge that Sompongs was trafficking in large quantities of raw opium between Hat-Yai and Penang, Malaysia. The informant told us that he could arrange for a delivery providing he was paid a reward, be accompanied by a Chinese buyer, and have a flash roll. We instructed the informant to return to Hat-Yai and tell the suspect that he had a Chinese Buyer who wanted to purchase 300 kilograms of opium, and if the suspect was willing to meet the buyer to contact us.
2. On September 21, 1966 the informant advised that he talked to Sompongs and Sompongs wanted to meet and negotiate with the Chinese merchant for the delivery of 300 kilograms of opium. On that date I met with Major Vichien and arranged for clerck translator Viratana Visruitawongse to be introduced as the Chinese merchant, and I also prepared a flash roll of 400,000 Bhts. (\$19,440.00).
3. On September 22, 1966 Clerck Viratana and I flew to Songkhla, Thailand and met with local officers. From Songkhla via taxi we drove to Satum, Thailand and met the informant. The informant advised us that Sompongs was ready to meet the Chinese merchant and had more than 300 kilos for sale. The informant was instructed to return to Hat-Yai see Sompongs and arrange for a meeting with clerck Viratana for the next day. He was further instructed to attempt to find out where the opium was stored.
4. On September 23, 1966 a Thai female (later identified as Yupa SUMEESUKDE) came to the King's hotel accompanied by the informant and met with clerck Viratana. The informant told Viratana that Sompongs sent Yupa to see if we had the money to purchase the 300 kilos of opium. Viratana exhibited the flash roll to Yupa. Before leaving, Yupa

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stated that Sompongs will meet clerck Viratana at 8:00PM at the King hotel to discuss the deal with him.

5. At 8:00PM, Sompongs and an unidentified Thai male arrived at the King's hotel and met with clerck Viratana. Sompongs told Viratana that he could deliver a ton of opium or more if Viratana wanted, but wanted half of the money to be paid in advance. Viratana replied that he only had money for 300 kilos and will not advance any funds. Viratana further told Sompongs that the exchange for money and opium will be made at time and place of delivery. Sompongs refused to deliver the opium in this manner, and told Viratana that he will meet him the next morning to continue negotiations.

6. On September 24, 1966 at about 7:30AM, Sompongs and the unidentified Thai subject returned and met with Viratana. Various proposals of delivery and payment were discussed, and rejected when they were unsuitable for our purposes. Viratana then told Sompongs that he had to return to Bangkok where he had other business engagements and will be in touch with later.

7. It is anticipated that other undercover approaches will be made in the near future in order to initiate a case against these traffickers.